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This is in reply to the Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed October 22, 2002.

Applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. §1.47 for a waiver of the rules requiring a signature of each joint inventor because one of the joint inventors, Leonid Shturman, refuses to join in the application. Thus, his signature is lacking from the declaration as filed on October 1, 2002.

All of the available joint inventors have previously made a declaration on their own behalf as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.63 and on behalf of the nonsigning joint inventor. The declaration, filed on October 1, 2002 is signed by all the available joint inventors with the signature block of the nonsigning inventor left blank. This declaration should be treated as having been signed by all the available joint inventors on behalf of the nonsigning inventor. (see M.P.E.P.

§409.03(a)A).

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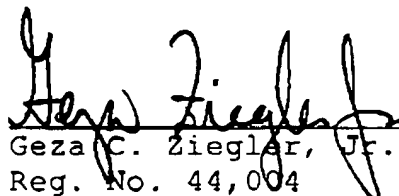
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Attached hereto is a statement of facts in support of filing on behalf of the nonsigning inventor (37 C.F.R.\$1.47)).

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the petition fee under 37 C.F.R. \$1.17(h) of \$130.00 as well as payment for any other fees associated with this communication or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 16-1350.

Respectfully submitted,


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